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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Jeremy F. TAYLOR et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,340

Filing Date: November 9, 2000

For: METHOD FOR ASSIGNING AN  
INDIVIDUAL TO A POPULATION OF  
ORIGIN BASED ON MULTI-LOCUS  
GENOTYPES

Examiner: A. Spiegler

Group Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response is due on November 25, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed to extend the deadline to respond to the Office Action until January 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.